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Enforcement Action

Sam Arbuthnot

The Board for Geologists and Geophysicists (Board) issued a citation and fine of \$500.00 to Sam Arbuthnot for violation of section 7872(a) of the Business and Professions Code (Geologist and Geophysicist Act). According to Board records, Sam Arbuthnot was at all times relevant not licensed by the Board as a Registered Geologist and thereby authorized to practice geology in the State of California.

The citation was issued to Sam Arbuthnot for unlicensed practice of geology while conducting a property transfer site assessment in Malibu, California (Bus. & Prof. Code §7872(a), practice of geology without legal authority). Sam Arbuthnot signed a property transfer site assessment letter report constituting the professional practice of geology entitled “353 Acre Parcel in Malibu, CA on P.C.H.”, dated February 12, 2001, which was subsequently provided to potential property buyers without the required California certified licensee signature or seal.

In accordance with section 125.9(d) of the Business and Professions Code which specifies that payment of the fine does not constitute admission of the violation charged and represents satisfactory resolution of the matter, Sam Arbuthnot agreed to pay the fine and the case was closed on October 10, 2002.